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## FOREIGN AID and THE WAR ON TERRORISM

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# Foreign Aid and the War on Terrorism

Defining Development's Role in  
Combating Terrorism

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# Structure of the Presentation

- I. Purpose
- II. Understanding Terrorism
- III. Role of Development
- IV. Causes
- V. Country Contexts
- VI. Strategies
- VII. Entry Points



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## II. Understanding Terrorism

A weak base of primary sources:

- Terrorist's publicly-issued statements
- Terrorist's documents found during investigations
- Databases of terrorist events
  - State Department
  - ITERATE
  - RAND-St. Andrews
- Extremely few interviews with terrorists



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# Terrorism Defined

- U.S. Code: “Pre-meditated, politically motivated violence perpetrated against noncombatant targets by sub-national groups or clandestine agents, usually intended to influence an audience.” [Title 22, Section 2656f(d)]
- Main defining characteristics:
  1. Targets civilians & non-combatants
  2. Aims to produce public fear or panic
  3. Exerts pressure on government for political change
  4. Seeks media attention



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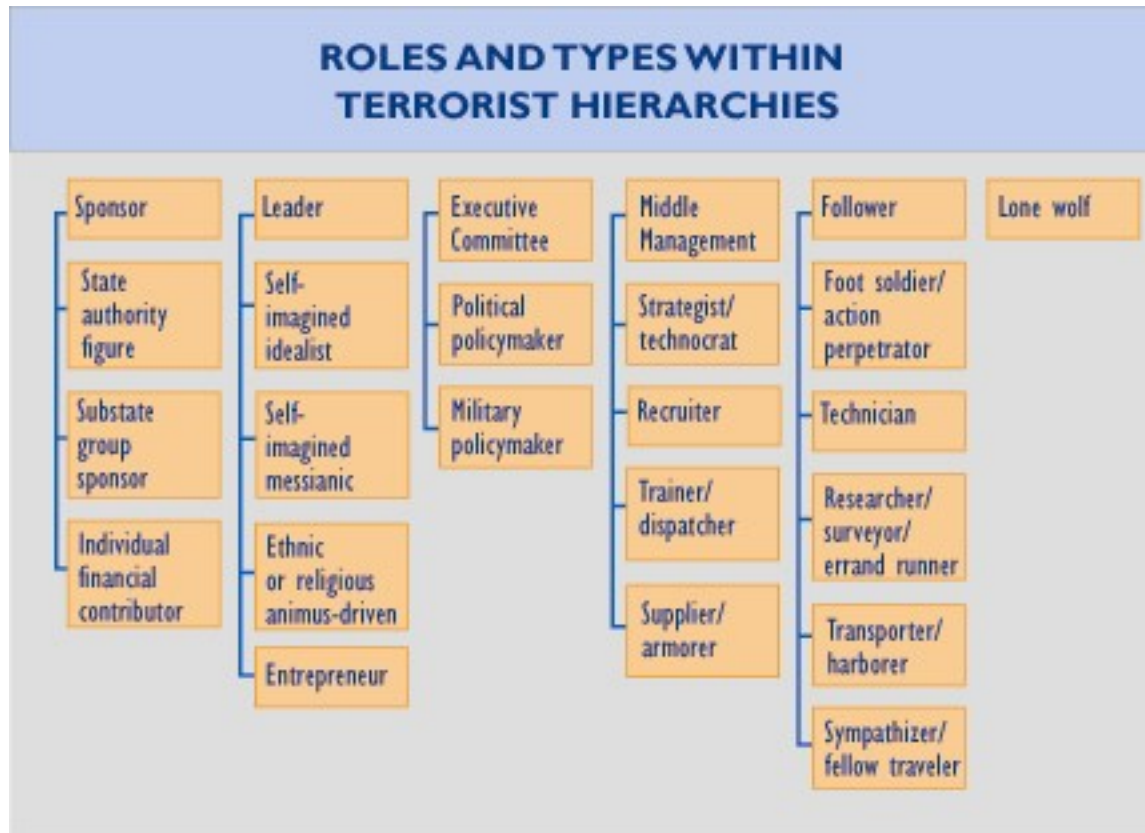
# Terrorism Classified by Type

- First Tier – Three major categories
  - Pathological terrorism
  - Criminal terrorism
  - Political terrorism
- Second Tier – Political terrorism composed of . . .
  - State terrorism
  - State supported terrorism
  - Substate terrorism
- Third Tier – Substate terrorism composed of . . .
  - Social revolutionary terrorism
  - Right-Wing terrorism
  - Nationalist-separatist terrorism
  - Religious extremist terrorism
  - Single issue terrorism



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# Who is the Terrorist?





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# What do Terrorists Hope to Accomplish?

1. To challenge the state's authority
2. To dramatize a cause
3. To demoralize the government
4. To gain popular support
5. To provoke regime violence
6. To inspire followers
7. To overcome a weakening organization
8. To accelerate the pace of violence
9. To dominate a wider resistance movement





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## III. Role of Development

- Evolution of terrorism since 1980's
- Traditional responses – increased security, policy enforcement, use of force, restrictive legislation – may be necessary, but is not enough
- Terrorism is a problem to be managed but perhaps never entirely eliminated
- To provide strong incentives not to choose terrorism
- To win the peace: not *counterterrorism*, as such; but *pro-peace*, *pro-security*, *pro-democracy* and *pro-progress*
- Search for interventions the *inverse* relation to terrorism



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## IV. Causes

- **Macro-level Causes**: Modernization, communication, transportation, new weapons, urbanization, globalization, free trade, culture, religion, social habits, historical traditions, ideologies, clientelistic society, lack of security, political regime type, social movements, political oppression, inequality, relative deprivation, lack of prosperity, global dependency, lack of state legitimacy, political instability, state failure, changes in the international paradigm, contagion
- **Messo-level Causes**: Group dynamics, collective rational choice
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## V. Country Contexts

- Widespread mobilization and on-going conflict
- Suppressed terrorism at the expense of democratic reforms
- Moderate governments with populations tending to extremism
- Provide sanctuary due to state weakness
- Assets terrorist may exploit
- Unforeseen “windows of opportunity”



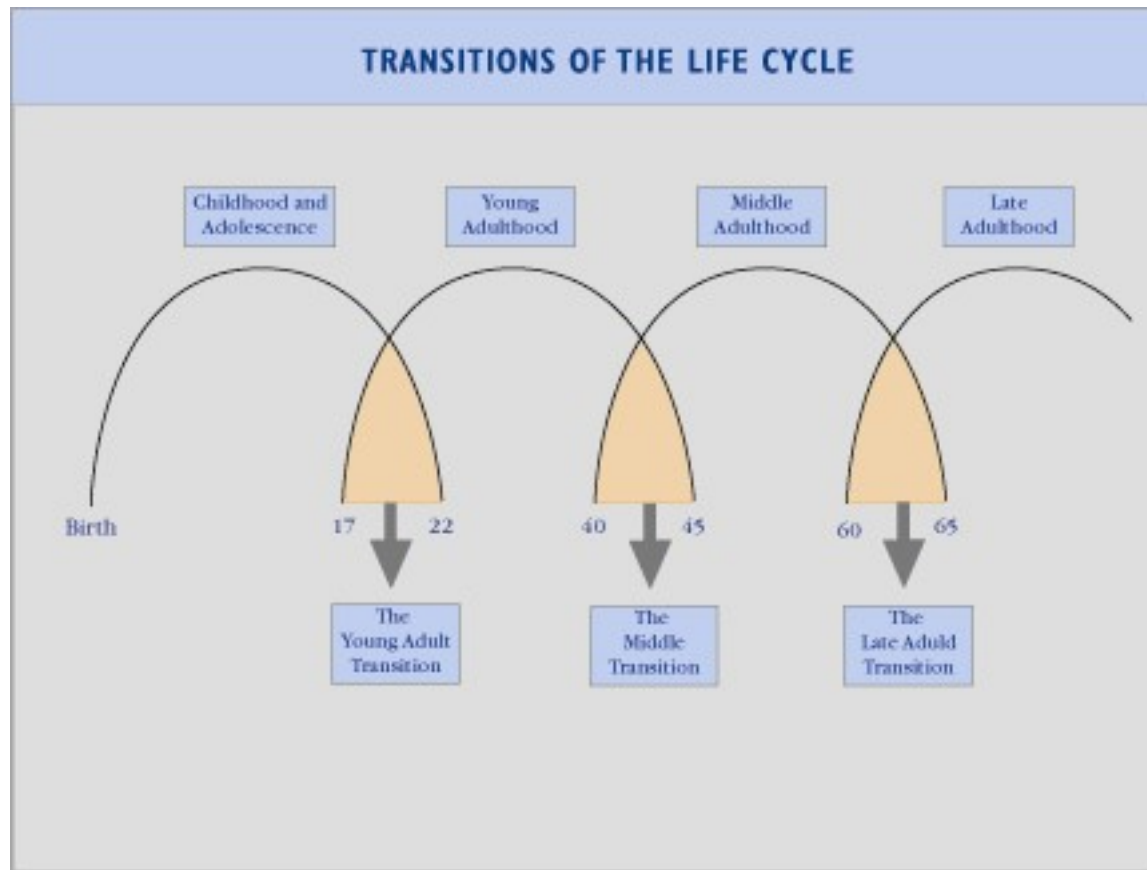
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## VI. Achieving Strategic Advantage



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# Terrorism emerges from youth “at-risk” in transition

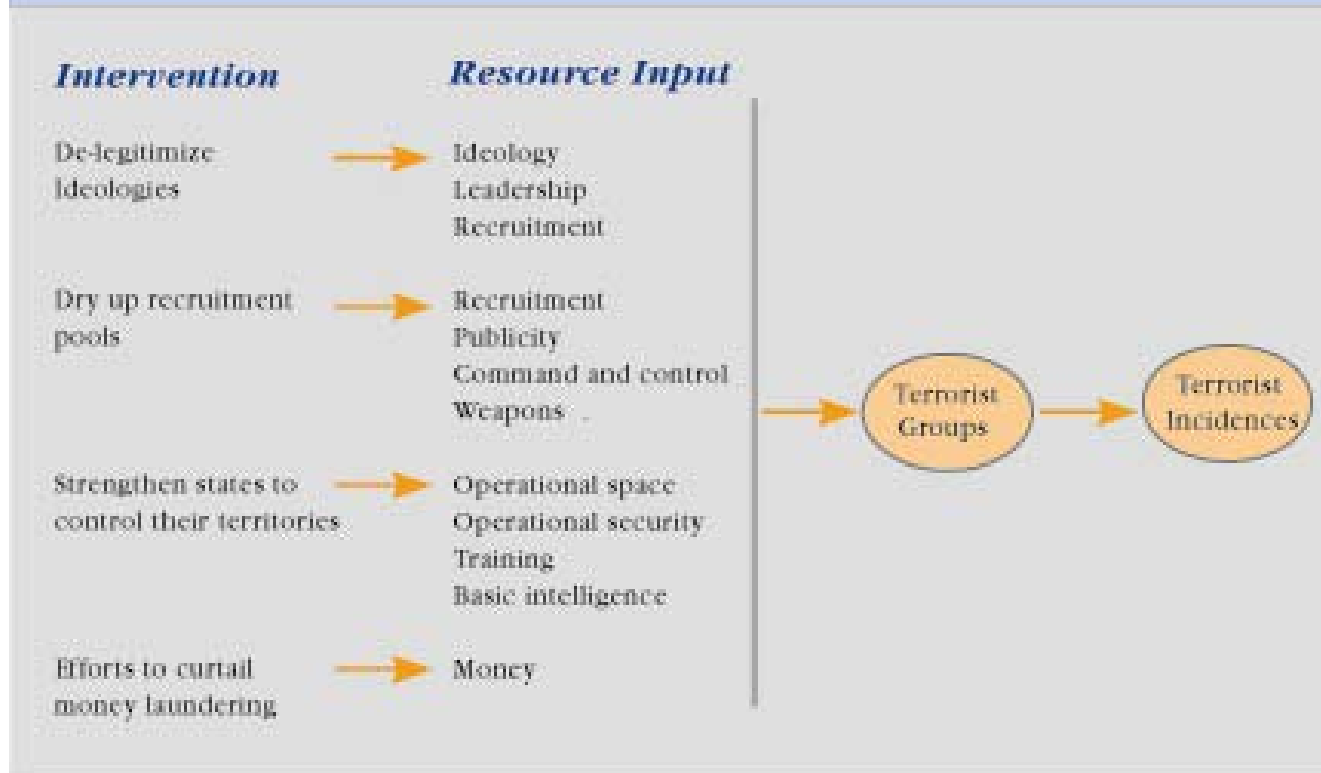




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# Acts of terrorism emerge from terrorist groups

**TABLE: ORGANIZATIONAL & OPERATIONAL RESOURCES OF TERRORIST GROUPS**





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# Terrorism emerges as a by-product of a once-peaceful social movement

- Strategy: Intervene at the level of the peaceful social movement.
  - Satisfy local causes and grievances expressed prior to the radicalization of the movement.
  - Unravel support for the violent terrorist group from the bottom up.



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# Terrorism emerges from specific social segments prone to extremism and violence

- Strategy: Intervene next to moderate, progressive segments of society.
- Empower them to regain the leadership so that extreme, violence-prone segments decline in importance.





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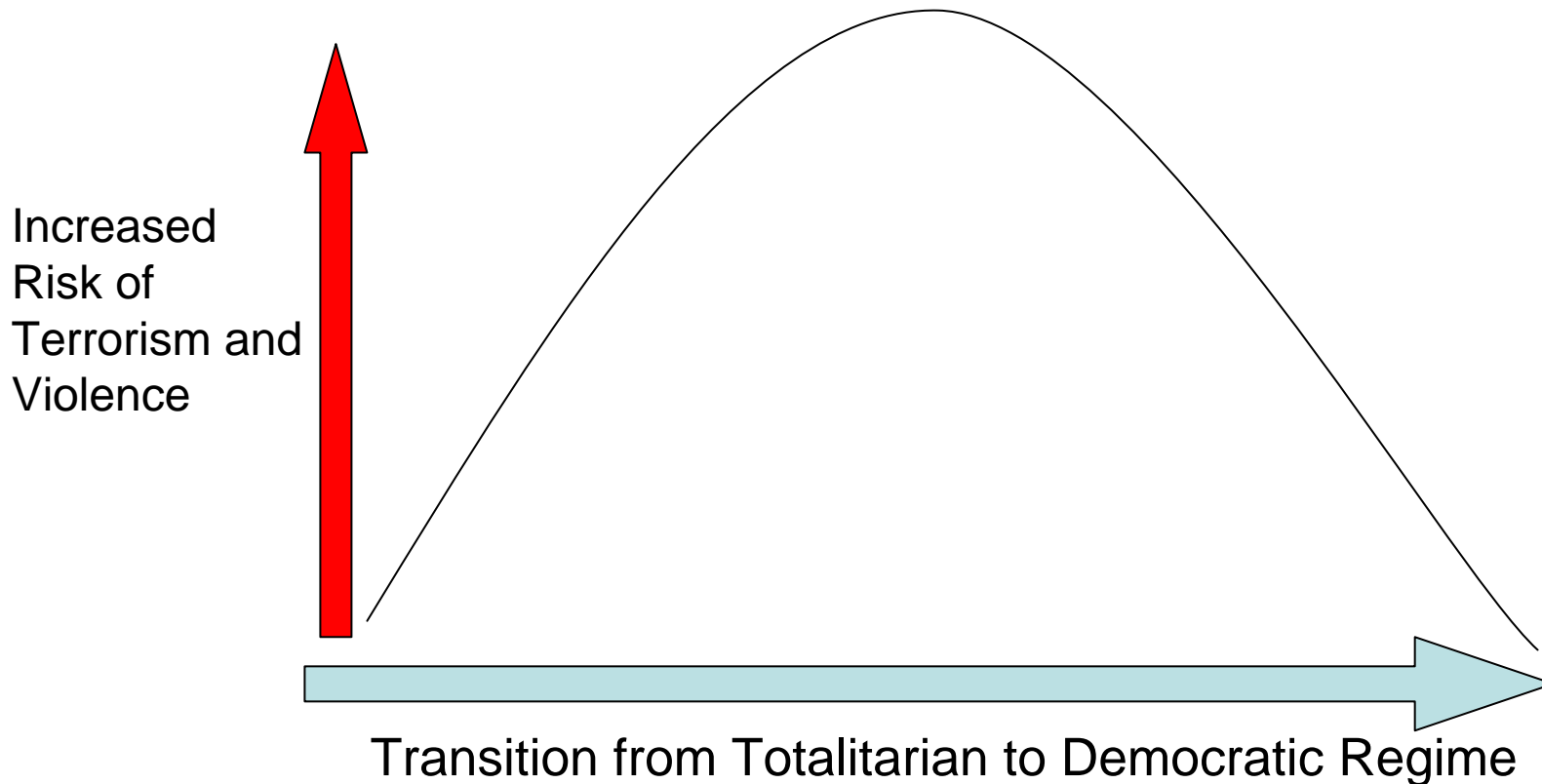
## VII. Entry Points



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# Terrorism & Political Regime Type

Different regime types have different effects on terrorism





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# Terrorism & Political Regime Type

Mixed effects of democracy on terrorism

- $\uparrow$  Democratic Participation =  $\downarrow$  Terrorism
- $\uparrow$  Civil Liberties =  $\uparrow$  Terrorism
- Suggests a balance between programs to promote political rights and civil liberties
- Suggest political participation interventions may reduce terrorism . . . But how?



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# Terrorism & Political Regime Type

Interventions promoting political participation

- Voting & Elections
- Political parties
- Legislatures & political systems
- Decentralization
- Local governance
- Civil society
- Consultative mechanisms



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# Terrorism & Political Regime Type

Centrism: Aggregating political opinion

- Voting & Elections – associated with decline in terrorism
- Political parties – 2 to 3 party systems
- Legislative systems: proportional v. majoritarian
- Decentralization
- Local governance
- Civil society
- Consultative mechanisms



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# Terrorism & Political Regime Type

Development hypotheses: “If ..., then ....”

- *If* donors fund successful democratization programs, *then* support for terrorism will decrease over the long-run, but violence may increase until the democracy is well established.
- *If* donors fund democratization programs which balance political participation with aggregation of mass public opinion, *then* it will discourage violence conflict and terrorism.



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# Conclusions

- Terrorism is an extremely “contextual” development issue.
- Terrorism is a cross-cutting development issue.
- Terrorism requires close coordination with the two other D’s – Defense and Diplomacy
- Terrorism will not divert us from our development vocation; it will strengthen it, but only if we think through the causal relations between interventions and terrorism.



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# Global War on Terrorism Taking Stock



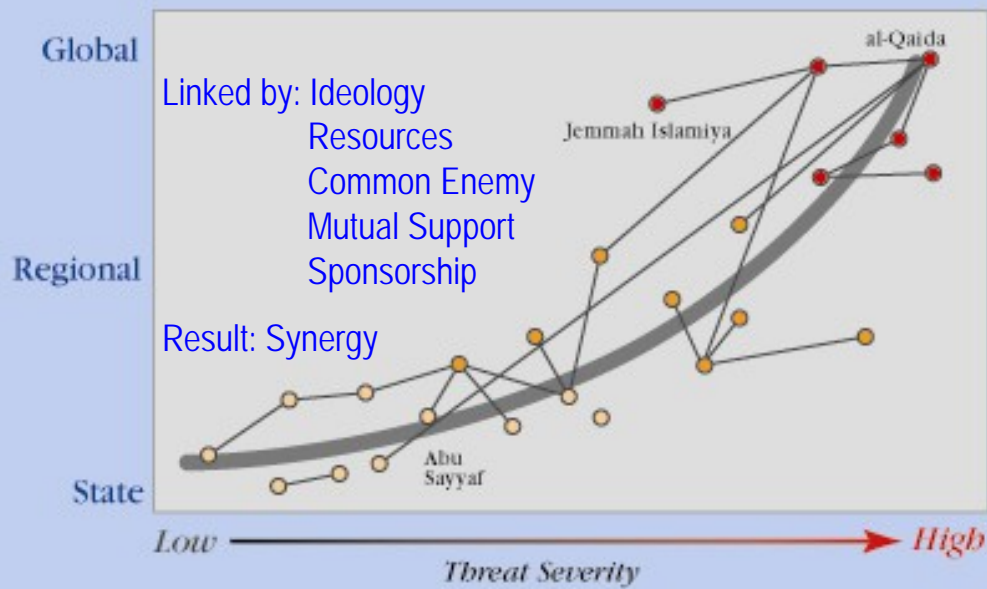


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# Terrorist Network/Structure

## TRANSNATIONAL TERRORIST NETWORKS

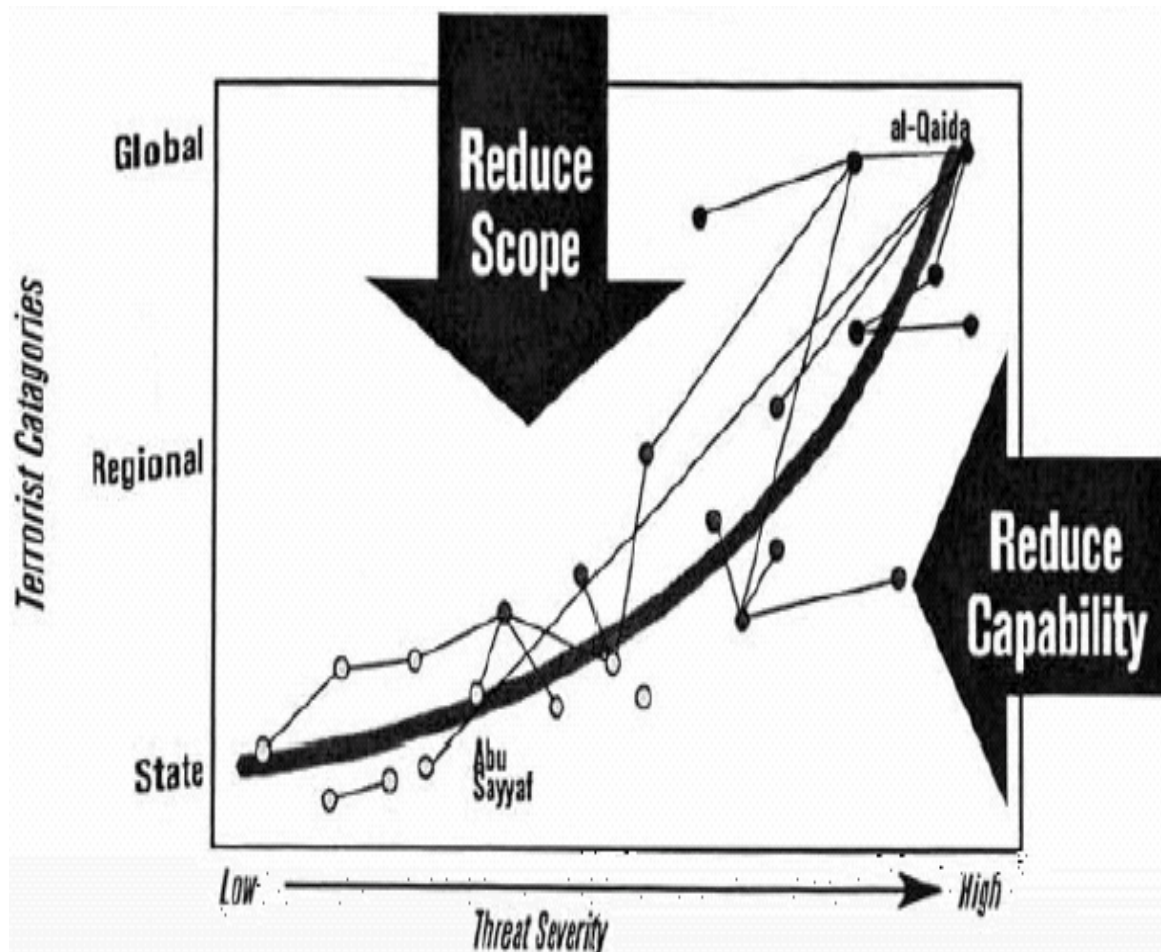




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# GWOT National Strategy



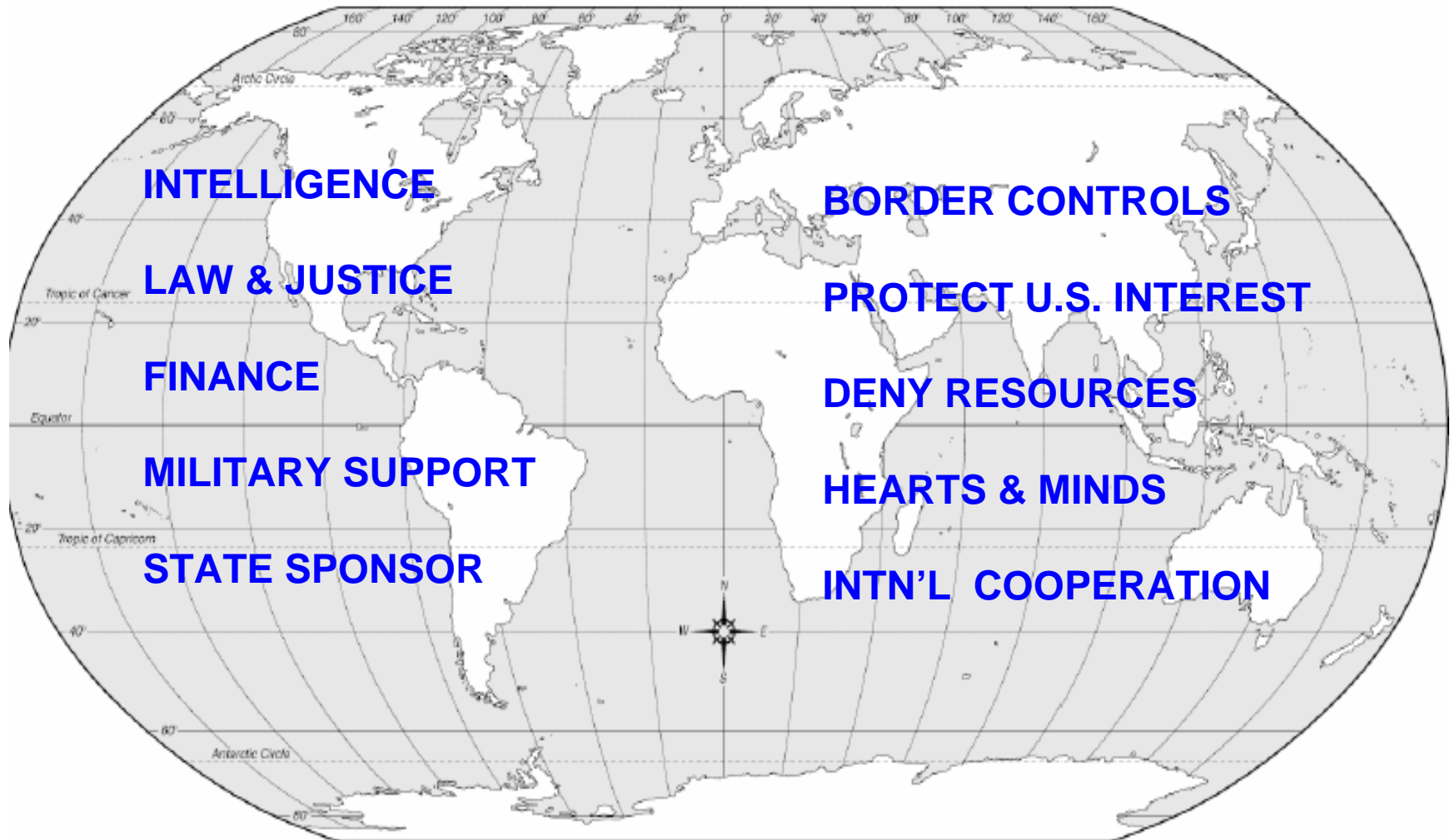
- **DEFEND**  
*homeland*
- **DEFEAT**  
*terrorist*
- **DENY**  
*resources*
- **DIMINISH**  
*conditions*



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# CT INTERAGENCY ACTIONS







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# Deny Recruits: At Risk Youth



We spend billions of dollars each year to protect against terrorist attacks and they only spend a few hundreds to train a terrorist.

What are we doing wrong?

--Donald Rumsfeld,  
Sec. of Defense



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# Terrorist Recruiting Cycle Cleric





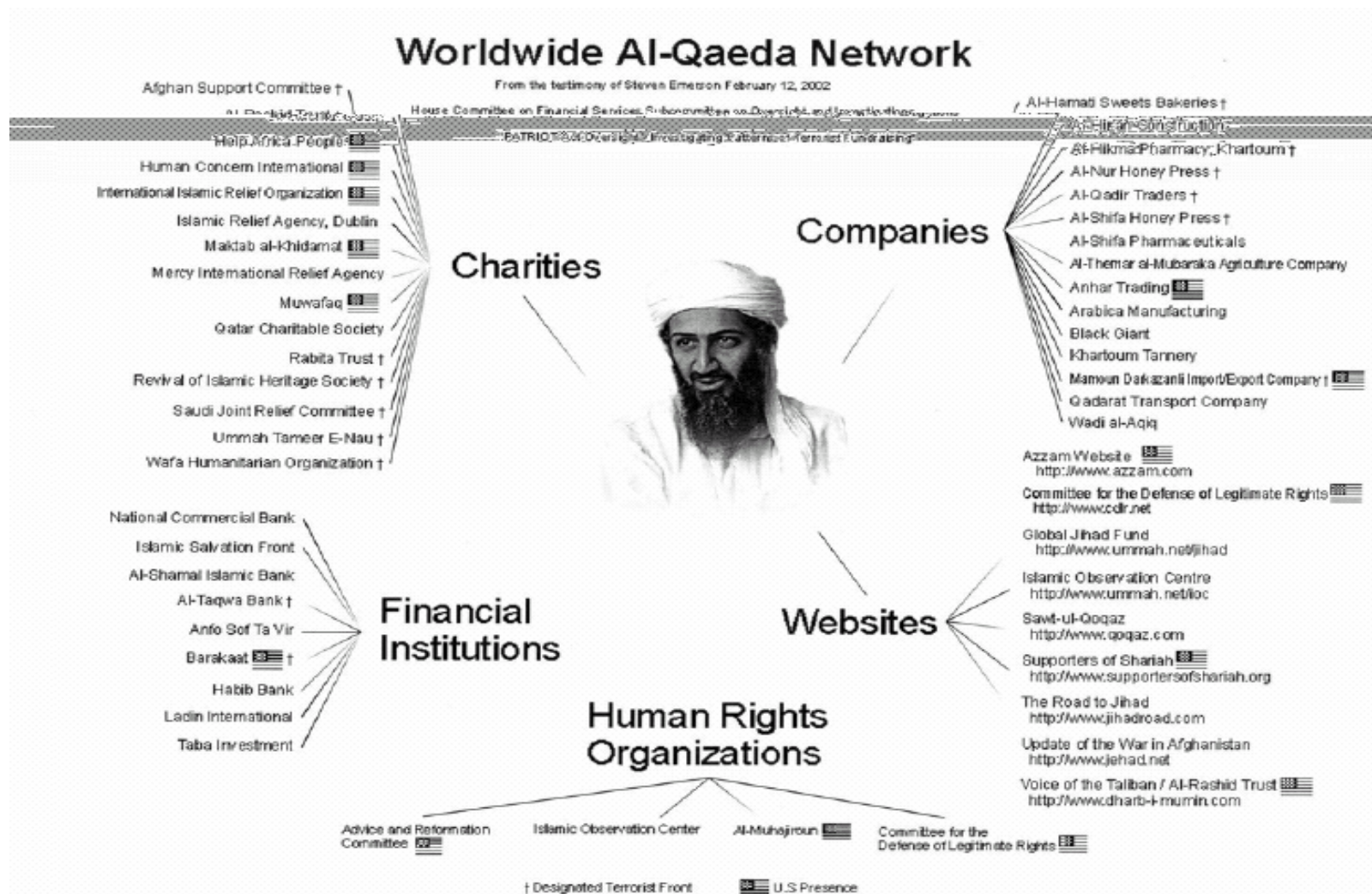
- Secular Education>>>>>>>>>>>>>Radical Madrassa  
Community Based Alternative to Radical Indoctrination
- Skills Training/Job Creation>>>>>>>>>>Alienated Youth  
Employable Skills & Jobs to Contribute to Community
- Community Commitment>>>>>>>>>>>>>Violent Actions  
Constructive Political Participation instead of Supporting Violence
- Group Dynamics>>>>><<<<<Radical Cleric Influence  
Community or Social Organizations for Youth Involvement



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# Deny Funds: Money Laundering







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Money Transfer from UAE Terrorist Support Network to U.S. for  
9/11 Attack on the Twin Towers

07/19/00

\$9,985

08/07/00

\$9,485

08/30/00

\$19,985

09/18/00

\$69,985

Citibank New York, NY

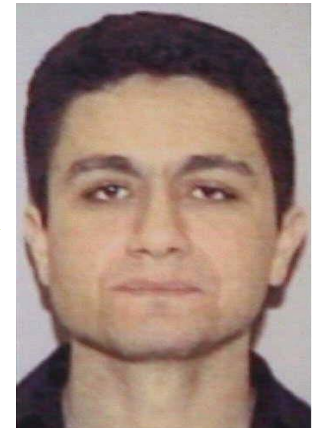
SunTrust Bank  
Gulf Coast, FL

Account Owner



Marwan Al-Shehhi  
AA Flight 175  
Pilot

Account Owner



Mohamed Atta  
AA Flight 11  
Pilot



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# Deny Funds: Terrorist Finance

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## Financial Crimes Laws (Money Laundering)

<u>Judicial Trn.</u>	<u>Bank TA</u>	<u>Fin Inst.</u>	<u>Non Fin. Inst</u>
Judges	Bk. Regs.	Com Bks.	Hawalas
Prosecutor	FIU Ops	Inv./Trust Fnds.	Charities
Investigators	Bk. Exam.	Insurance Co.	NGOs

Asset Seizures      Wire Transfer/Cash Currier/Commodities  
Conviction          Skimming/Smuggling/Trafficking



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# Deny Sanctuary: Terrorist Camps

**We have more to fear from failed states than we do from large armies or navies.**

**-- President George W. Bush  
National Security Strategy**

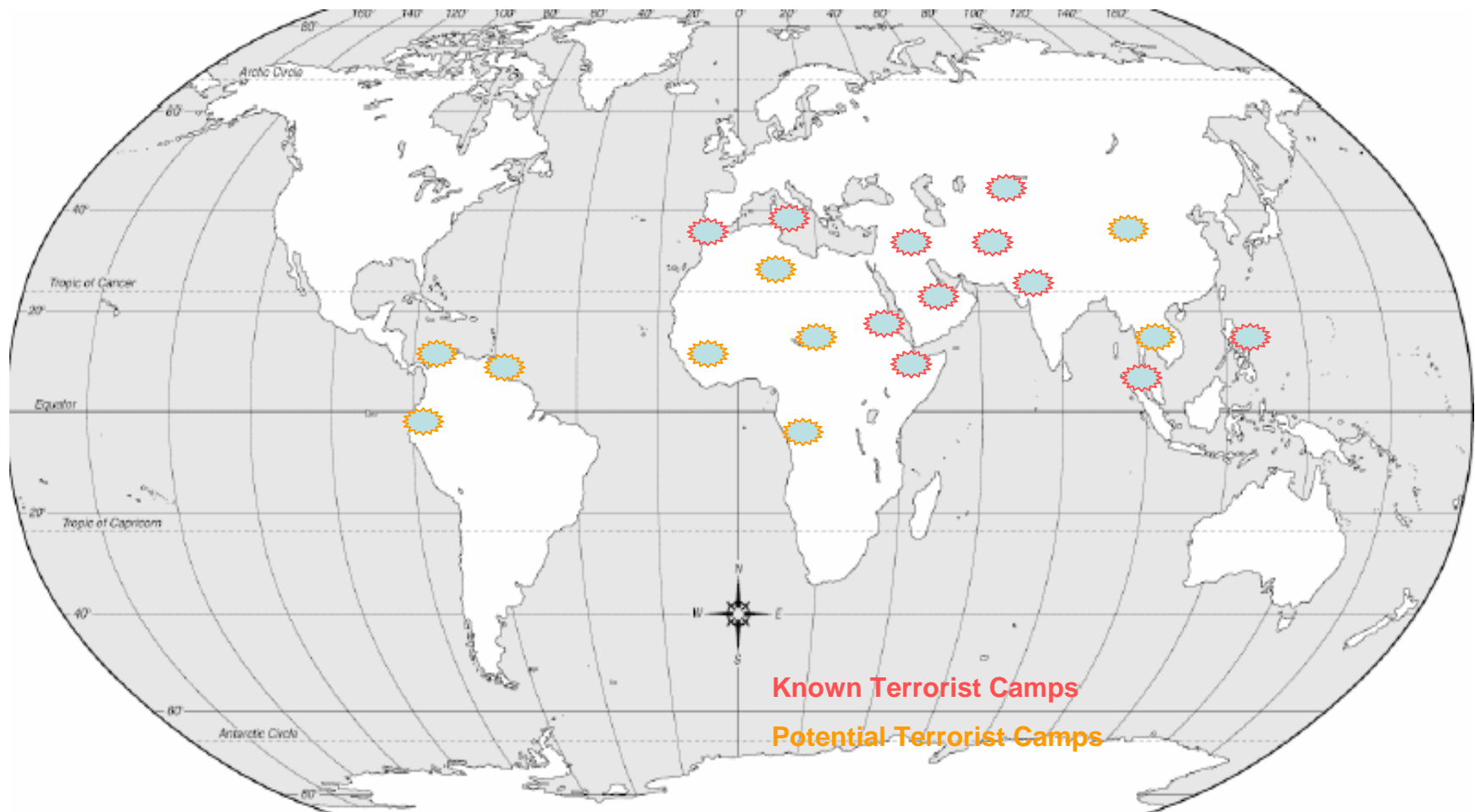




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# Deny Sanctuary: Terrorist Camps





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# Terrorist Sanctuary: Criteria

## Terrorist Criteria

- Remote / Rural Location
- Predominantly Muslim Population in area
- Lack of Military or Police Presence or Support
- Lack of Public Services
- Disaffected Groups
- High Unemployment / Low Economic Opportunities

## Terrorist Operations

- Regional Headquarters
- Base for Planning Attacks
- Base for Recruiting, Training and Indoctrination
- Base for Local and Regional Fund Raising
- Base for Building Community Support and Protection

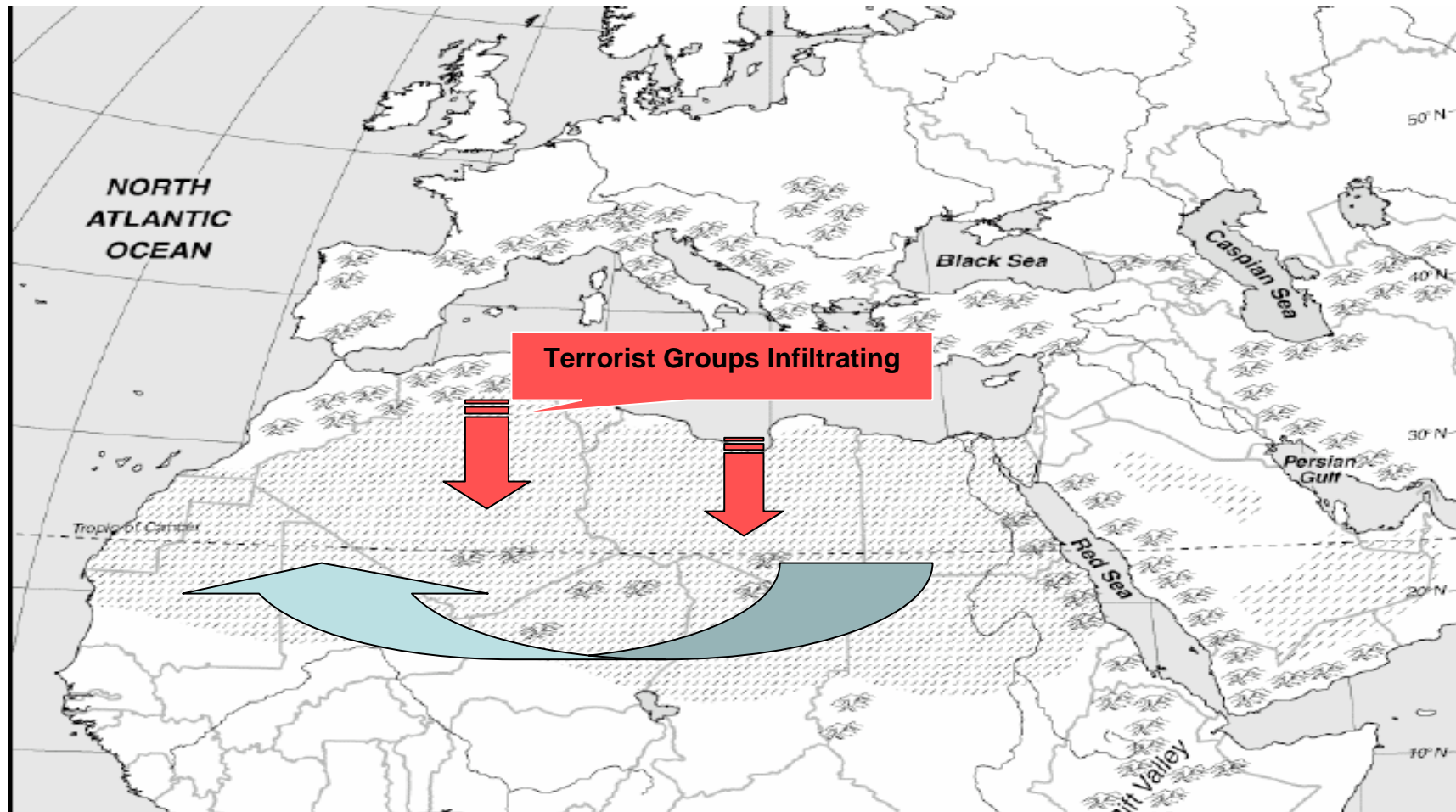




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# Trans Sahel Counter Terrorism





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# Trans Sahal Joint Assessment

## • Military Assessment

- Terrorist Establishing Regional Base of Operations
- Cross Border Flow of Materials
- Build Islamic Community Support /Cooperation
- Build Local Funding Base
- Build Local Recruiting Base
- Resistance to Authority

## • USAID Assessment

- Large “at-risk” youth cohort
- High Unemployment or Low Economic Opportunities
- Large Shadow Economy and Cross Border Trade Flows
- Discontent Muslim Community
- Lack of Public Services
- Distrust of Military/Police



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# Trans Sahel CT Programs

## Military Support

- Train Four Counties Military and Border Patrol Units
- Equip Military for Trans Sahel Communication/Coordination
- Train Military in Civil Affairs and Community Support
- Develop Regional Military to Military Cooperation
- Train Military in Human Rights

## Development Support

- Job Training / Youth Centers
- Solider Reintegration programs
- Job Creation in Community linked with skill training
- Water projects to build local economic base
- Train Judiciary and Local Officials in Public Service
- Local Radio Service





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# Questions and Answers





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